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OF THE

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OF

CLAREMONT, N. H.

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEES,

For the year ending March 1st, 1885.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

L.S. To the inhabitants of the Town of Claremont in the county of Sullivan in said State qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:—

1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2nd. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

3rd. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

4th. To determine how the school money shall be divided among the several School Districts the ensuing year.

5th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Stevens High School.

6th. To choose a Committee for Stevens High School for the ensuing year.

7th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the repairs of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year, and determine how it shall be paid.

8th. To raise by vote the necessary amount of money to pay the legal expenses of the Town the ensuing year.

9th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to pay the debts of the Town.

10th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Street Lights.

11th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Fiske Free Library.

12th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Support of the Poor.

13th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to pay firemen.

14th. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money not to exceed seventy-five dollars for decorating Soldiers' graves.

15th. To determine the rate of discount the Town will allow to persons paying their taxes within such periods as the Town may designate.

16th. To see if the Town will vote to raise the bronze statue on the Soldiers' Monument in the park, from four to six feet higher, and

that the names on the tablets in the Town Hall be cut in the new piece in the Monument and the tablets taken from the Town Hall, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

17th. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen of said Town to cause the removal of all fences now within or encroaching upon the highways of said Town.

18th. To hear and act upon the report of the committee appointed in March, 1883, to investigate the interests of the Town in the legacy given the Town by the late Paran Stevens.

19th. To see if the Town will choose a committee to collect material for a History of Claremont and publish the same in book form and raise and appropriate money therefor.

20th. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise to be expended for improving the New Cemetery and appoint agents whose duty it shall be to perform said work.

21st. To see if the Town will vote to build a Reservoir near the railroad crossing on Chestnut Street.

22d. To see if the Town will vote to buy a new Hook and Ladder Truck and raise and appropriate money therefor.

23d. To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation for a term not exceeding ten years the establishment of Maynard & Washburn or any additions they may build thereto, and the capital used in operating the same, agreeably to Sec. 10, chapter 53, of the General Laws.

24th. To see if the town will prohibit fishing in any of the waters of the Town for the period of three years, agreeably to Sec. 9 of chapter 176 of the General Laws as amended Aug. 3d, 1881.

25th. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Wire Bridge near the Claremont Manufacturing Company's mill and move the same to a point higher up the river, keep it in repair and raise and appropriate money therefor.

26th. To see if the Town will vote to establish a system of public water works for the purpose of supplying the Town or any part of the same with water and raise money or make provision to defray the expenses of the same.

27th. To see what action the Town will take in reference to supplying suitable privy accomodations for the use of the public and raise the money necessary to build and support the same.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1885.

ISAAC H. LONG,
MARSHALL S. ROSSITER,
HENRY C. SANDERS,
} Selectmen of Claremont.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF CLAREMONT,

For the year ending March 1, 1885.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

VALUATION.

Polls,	1042	$ 104,200
Real Estate,		1,518,440
Horses,	560	45,546
Oxen,	126	7,774
Cows,	1000	28,575
Other Neat Stock,	540	11,521
Sheep,	3,677	9,189
Hogs,	62	549
Carriages,	97	9,630
Stocks in Banks, etc.,		96,600
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit,		111,608
Stock in trade,		148,700
Aqueducts,		4,600
Toll Bridge,		4,400
Ferry,		1,000
Mills, Factories and their Machinery,		270,700
		$ 2,373,032

The rate of taxation was $ 1.55 cash on $ 100.00 and eight and one half cents in labor on highways.

AMOUNT OF TAXES.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law and by vote of the town, was as follows :

For State Tax,	$ 5,484 00	
County Tax,	5,889 04	
Schooling,	5,798 50	
Stevens High School,	2,000 00	
Highways,	1,000 00	
Town Officers,	1,600 00	
Fire Department,	1,000 00	
Incidental Expenses,	2,500 00	
Decoration,	75 00	
To Pay Debts and Interest,	4,000 00	
Street Lights,	300 00	
Fiske Free Library,	250 00	
Support of Poor,	300 00	
Repairs of Cemetery,	500 00	
Sewerage,	500 00	
Steam Fire Engine,	4,000 00	
Band,	240 00	
Add Percentage,	1,347 20	
	$ 36,783 74	
Tax on 254 Dogs,	288 00	
Special Tax in District No. 7,	76 36	
" " " " 13,	15 52	
		$ 37,163 62

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Funded Debt.

Bonds outstanding March 1, 1884,	$ 118,400
Bonds drawn Jan. 1, 1884 and paid July 1, 1884,	2,000
Bonds outstanding March 1, 1885,	$ 116,400
Amount of Coupons outstanding, due, and unpaid on Claremont Town Bonds March 1, 1885,	339
Total Debt,	$ 116,739

ASSETS.

Due from County on Pauper account,	$ 109 18
" " State Bounty on Woodchucks,	70 80
Money in Collector's hands,	1,346 83
" " Treasurer's "	1,491 25
Due from rent of School lands,	5 00
Wood, posts and plank,	150 00
Due from Arthur Chase, Chairman of Truant Com.	10 00
In Selectmen's hands School land rent received since closing the Treasurer's Books,	42 50
Due from Arthur Erskine, on Pauper Account and guaranteed,	39 35
	$ 3,264 91
Net indebtedness of the Town,	$ 113,474 09

PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Stevens High School building and lot,	$ 25,000
Town Hall,	12,000
Selectmen's Building, Lobby and furniture,	1,500
Engine House,	2,000
Steam Fire Engine heater and new hose,	3,500
Hand Engines and Hose,	3,000
Library Building,	7,000
Spring of Water,	300
One Piano,	200
Two Hearses,	200
Town safes and furniture,	250
Fiske Free Library,	4,000
Road Machine,	100
Estimated value of lease land,	750
Whiskey, rum, and brandy,	432

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 1st, 1884,	$ 219 67
Borrowed of Claremont National Bank,	2,000 00
From County on Pauper Account,	1,505 06
Borrowed of Claremont National Bank,	2,000 00

State Railroad Tax,	$ 809 10
Savings Bank Tax,	5,537 94
Literary Fund,	419 44
From County on Pauper Account,	844 07
Interest on Tappan Fund,	1,830 00
Interest on Stevens High School Fund,	600 00
School land rents,	23 75
Received for fines,	79 13
Stovepipe,	50
Cedar Posts,	8 00
Circus License,	10 00
From State bounty on woodchucks,	67 80
From Sullivan County use of Selectmen's room,	22 78
Tax on Billiard Tables,	77 50
Rent of Library Building,	301 02
Rent of Town Hall,	306 74
From Patten & Webster for Settees,	15 00
Cash returned by H. L. Hubbard money drawn by error for tax receipts,	5 00
Balance of 1883 tax from H. L. Hubbard,	238 22
From H. L. Hubbard 1884 Tax,	35,849 64
	$ 52,770 36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Support of Schools,	$ 5877 27
Incidentals,	3288 97
Fire Department,	5553 86
Highways and Bridges,	1542 71
Support of poor,	2459 26
Damage by dogs,	30 25
Bounty on woodchucks,	138 50
Ringing bells and Sexton's services,	299 79
Town Officers,	1835 45
Paying debts and interest,	13,122 67
Building and repairing school houses,	119 74
Tappan Fund,	1830 00
Stevens High School,	3019 44
Fiske Free Library,	250 00
Discount on Taxes,	345 24
Abatement of Taxes,	192 95
State Tax,	5484 00
County Tax,	5889 04
	$ 51,279 11

INCIDENTALS.

F. E. Willey, for lighting and care of street lights from Mar. 1, '83 to Apr. 1, '84.	$ 12 80
A. B. Willey, work on fountain, cemetery water works,	4 18
D. N. Bowker, rent of cemetery land,	6 00
Claremont M'f'g Co., school reports,	1 33
" " " Town reports,	73 75
H. C. Fay, publishing Town warrant,	5 00
" " " printing names on Inventories,	2 00
Redding, Baird & Co., glass for hearse,	4 80
Gell Lenven, work on hearse,	4 00
James Holt, serving notice for Board of Health,	86
R. E. Mussey, publishing warrant and notices,	8 00
Dr. L. J. Graves, returns of Births and Deaths,	1 50
S. I. L. Woodbury, cleaning and repairing Town Clock,	12 00
H. B. Jenkins, damage to wagon on highway,	3 00
J. B. & D. O'Neil, balance for painting Town House,	115 00
H. G. P. Cross, making coffee for fire at R. Jarvis' stock house,	3 00
Claremont M'f'g Co., binding invoice books,	2 25
" " " printing school reports,	3 33
I. H. Long, cash paid for collector's book,	1 10
" " " chloroform to kill dogs,	33
O. F. R. Waite, taking depositions,	8 50
C. M. Kimball, rent of engine house land 3 years,	15 00
C. L. Severance, decoration purposes,	75 00
P. Haubrich, damage to horse on highway,	25 00
H. L. Hubbard, printing tax bills,	5 00
John Burns, expense new gas pipe from st. to Town Hall,	46 59
I. H. Long, book (Town Officer,)	2 00
H. G. Fifield, cash paid for medical attendance for injuries received at fire at Baker & Shedd's house,	7 00
G. W. Fitch, gas for Town Hall,	36 30
H. C. Fay, pub'g notices and printing re'c'ts,	6 00
F. L. McIntosh, returns of births and deaths,	3 25
E. F. M. Sanders, copying taxes and writing Collector's book,	15 00

Myra B. Harris, land damage, widening Bond Street,	$ 30 00
N. P. Wooley, expenses looking up band instruments,	4 75
John Tyler, water rent for Town Hall,	5 00
Mighill Dustin, damage to carriage on highway,	5 50
R. Dacy, cleaning lobby,	75
Geo. Carroll, whitewashing lobby,	1 75
E. A. Parmalee, labor at cemetery,	1 25
N. B. Frye, hand-cuffs,	3 50
S. I. L. Woodbury, marking hand-cuffs,	10
Richard Messer, water trough,	43 00
A. Ball, expense and time buying engine,	51 16
G. W. Fitch, gas bill for Town Hall,	17 40
D. W. Johnson, expense buying engine,	14 47
C. A. Benton, cash p'd setting glass in hearse,	50
Sullivan Machine Co., repairing lawn mower,	7 80
Adam R. Leet, use of watering troughs,	5 75
Jewett & Peabody, broom,	35
Freeman, O'Neil & Tilden, repairing grist mill window,	90
G. A. Truel, damage to wagon on highway,	5 00
J. H. Rugg, setting trees in park,	5 00
Burt Chellis, laying out lots and making plan of cemetery,	6 00
G. H. Burrill, work in cemetery and painting stakes,	4 00
Claremont Mfg. Co., printing blank orders,	9 50
H. C. Fay, publishing warrant,	5 00
B. F. Lewis, work on fence at West Claremont cemetery,	6 75
Geo. W. Fitch, gas for Town Hall,	28 50
Randall Evans, damage to wagon on highway,	5 00
W. D. Morgan, cutting brush in cemetery,	2 00
Geo. D. Walker, mason work in lobby,	1 95
Geo. Burbee, stone post,	2 50
Geo. W. Fitch, gas for Town Hall,	26 40
John Burns, for railing,	9 25
John Tyler, water rent Town Hall,	5 00
Geo. W. Fitch, gas for Town Hall,	17 70
John Blanchard, use of water trough,	3 00
C. O. Eastman, insurance on Fiske Free Library,	50 00
Geo. W. Fitch, gas for Town Hall,	6 90

Claremont Mfg. Co., printing school reports,	$ 1	33
C. L. & G. H. Severance, use of water trough two years,	6	00
C. H. Long, freight on posts,	3	00
A. C. Stone, lead pipe, pump, labor etc., for High School Building,	21	08
" repairing eve-trough conductors,	1	75
" lead pipe,	10	21
" stove polish, lamps, burners, lamp stand,	4	11
" repairing lanterns, dipper, iron pipe and work,	3	33
" drainpipe, dust-pan, oil can, lantern frame,	2	85
" work and material in Town Hall,	1	56
" drain pipe and labor on same,	115	95
" chimneys, rep'g lanterns & oil can,	1	95
" lead pipe and tunnel		18
A. B. Willey, work on aqueduct at cemetery,	3	60
R. Messer, drilling holes in steps for railing,	1	20
W. H. Straw, damage to wagon on highway,	2	00
Geo. Murphy, labor and mater'l in Town Hall,	5	15
F. P. Huntley, team to Newport Ponds, County Farm and about town,	10	50
F. Whitcomb, use of watering trough,	3	00
F. Emerson, digging ditch at Stevens High School building,	3	45
M. P. Bailey, for use of watering trough,	3	00
T. B. Fletcher, " " " " "	3	00
S. D. Norrington, whitewashing cem. fence,	1	50
E. M. Gowdey, labor on park,	25	50
C. H. Adams, use of telephone,	33	80
J. H. Perkins, for Mechanic's Band,	75	00
J. T. Barnard, " " "	165	00
G. H. Stowell, " coal for Selectmen's room,	27	91
" " merchandise for snow plow,	3	79
" " hose, lamp, grass seed, cement,	4	09
" " oil, oiler, hinges and screws,	1	70
" " knife, rings and twine,	1	19
" " cement for grates,	4	78
" " water pail, brooms and tape-measure,	3	70
" " potash, padlock, glass and glazing,	1	40

G. H. Stowell, for hinges, shovels, hammer and tacks,	$ 2 48
" " nails,	5 77
" " traveling expenses buying steamer,	15 97
H. F. Nichols, " use of teams,	21 00
Haskell & Tolles, pitcher, goblet, cuspador and basket,	4 32
" chairs, pitchers and basin,	12 70
" mattress for lobby,	2 50
F. F. Haskell, cash paid Physicians for certificates of births and deaths,	51 00
C. P. Rossiter, for 531 cedar posts and freight to Junction,	71 08
J. B. Patnode, team work,	5 40
Belmont House, dinner for Moderator, Town Clerk, Supervisors, and Selectmen November Election,	1 75
Alfred Valquette, ironing snow plow and work on hearse,	8 00
William Read & Sons, 2 pair handcuffs and 3 twisters,	10 15
O. F. R. Wait, taking depositions,	9 16
Welch & Sleeper, salt to put on sidewalk,	82
M. C. Gibson, sawing wood for lobby and eng. house,	1 50
E. C. Pope, use of water trough,	3 00
M. S. Rossiter, balance on Pleasant Street sidewalk 1883,	31 40
H. C. Sanders, rail'd fare and exp at Newport	7 60
H. W. Parker, legal services,	180 00
Ira Colby, " "	189 00
I. H. Long, nails for cemetery fence W. C.	84
" Bridge toll,	20
" rail'd fare and exp. at Newport,	9 80
H. L. Brooks, use of water trough 6 months,	1 50
A. M. Hannaford, glass for hearse,	3 50
Freeman, O'Neil & Tilden, lumber and labor on rail, Town Hall,	6 84
I. H. Long, witness fees paid Nichols case,	54 24
" " " " Mace "	31 36
M. S. Rossiter, costs paid Nichols "	53 00
" for tub for water trough,	3 00
Mitchell Oliver, for labor,	1 00

Silas Noyes, for steps near Selectmen's room,	$ 1 00	
M. S. Rossiter, expense to Cornish,	1 50	
" " Unity,	1 25	
" " at Newport Sept. term,	10 50	
" car fare to "	3 20	
" expense to Chester,	2 00	
" cash paid trucking stove,	25	
" expense to Weathersfield,	1 50	
" 1¼ cords wood for lobby and		
" engine house,	5 00	
" expenses Newport Jan. Term	3 50	
" car fare to " "	2 00	
" stamps and postal cards,	3 50	
" 2½ cords manure for Park,	10 00	
" use of team 5 times to Junc.,		
Newport, Windsor and Chandler's,	4 85	
		$ 2,309 74

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid E. M. Gowdey lighting Street Lights,	$ 37 00	
" for ex. work on lanterns,	3 50	
G. H. Burrill " lighting street lights,	138 25	
F. E. Willey " " " "		
from Apr. 1, 1884, to Apr. 1, 1885,	15 00	
W. H. Farwell, for lighting street lights,		
oil, wicks &c.,	23 00	
" " oil tank,	5 00	
N. S. Bryant on acct. for lighting,	10 00	
John Burns for work on lanterns,	7 60	
C. Jones & Co., for oil, chimneys & wicks,	3 67	
Jewett & Peabody, for matches, oil,		
chimneys and wicks,	35 65	
Freeman O'Neil & Tilden, for lamp posts		
and repairing lanterns,	5 35	
Geo. W. Fitch, for gas,	182 15	
G. H. Stowell, for glass and chimneys		
for street lanterns,	9 13	
G. H. Stowell, for paint for posts,	3 00	
Freeman, O'Neil & Tilden, for glass and		
oil for street lights,	6 38	
		$ 484 68

NEW CEMETERY.

Paid Freeman, O'Neil & Tilden, material for fence,	$ 175 83	
John Boucher, for work on fence,	20 75	
O. Newton, " "	60 50	
M. C. Gibson, " "	10 06	
Richard Messer, gate posts,	80 00	
" work on posts,	7 50	
C. Jones & Co., nails, paint, bolts, &c.,	47 06	
R. B. Tenney, painting fence,	30 50	
Blood & Woodcock, work on posts,	1 25	
Chas. Ball, iron for gates,	10 25	
Jas. B. Bartlett, team work and labor,	20 70	
F. Locke, use of horse and labor,	16 00	
L. P. Fisher, 5 posts and labor,	6 00	
Geo. H. Stowell, padlocks for gates,	8 15	
		$ 494 55
Total Incidentals,		$ 3,288 97

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Henry A. Willard service as steward,	$ 22 25
George H. Stowell, 2nd, iron pipe and labor,	7 73
T. R. Mc Quaid, service as steward, and labor,	37 03
B. E. Griffin, " " and splicing rope,	3 00
C. P. Bailey, work at fire at Gee house,	1 00
Lemuel Nutting, " Jarvis' stock house,	1 50
George N. Farwell 2nd, pay roll for Firemen,	1300 25
Huntley & Dane, drawing engines to Jarvis' fire,	12 00
Robert Dacy, labor on Engine house,	32 62
A. Harbroe, " " "	4 50
George Carroll, " " "	54 00
J. V. Carroll, " " "	50 10
Freeman, O'Neil & Tilden, lumber for Hose house,	16 80
" " " lum'r, doors etc. Eng. house,	64 75
L. M. Pike, concreting floor Engine house,	58 50
Silsby Manuf. Co., Steam Fire Engine and Heater,	3277 50
Edmund Neal, labor on Hose house,	11 50
" " Engine house,	42 50
Welch & Sleeper. 7200 brick for Engine house,	50 40
New York Belting & Packing Co., Hose and Couplings,	190 50
J. W. Burns, labor on hose, gas pipe and fixtures,	20 95

W. E. Shaw, labor on Engine house,	$ 4	40
Ira F. Chandler, lumber for Engine house,	20	59
Freeman, O'Neil & Tilden, lumber and labor Eng. house,	14	73
A. C. Stone, pipe, tin, chimney thimbles and work,	11	92
" tin and work Engine house,		98
" dampers, stoppers and watering pot,	1	10
" stove pipe and work,	1	72
Sullivan Machine Co., work on hose nozzle,	2	95
F. P. Huntley, drawing engine to fire,	6	50
Freeman, O'Neil & Tilden, lum'r doors frames and labor,	25	46
J. G. Briggs, Tin roofing, lead pipe and labor,	26	39
R. C. Bradford, hose nozzle handles,	2	25
O'Neil Bros., painting hose house and 4 reservoir caps,	5	00
George D. Walker, mason work,	1	75
Richard Messer, work on engine house,	1	00
William Chandler, "	8	25
Marshall Harlow, 2000 brick,	13	00
George O. Johnson, 4 loads of stone,	8	00
H. C. Brown, work on engine house,	5	00
George Carroll, "	9	00
W. F. Hall, sawing wood,	2	70
Francis Gaffney, work on hose house,	2	62
Jewett & Peabody, bbls. for wood engine house,		75
George H. Stowell, shingles, nails and paint, hose house,	8	46
" latch and lock, "	1	60
" lime, bbls., hoop iron, cem't, E. house,	11	72
" brads, thimble, rep'g windows, "	1	80
" buts, screws, sheet lead, "	7	41
" bolts, washers, hooks and bolt, "	7	29
" white lime, windows & fitting, "	9	75
" tarred paper, paint, oil, nails, "	10	91
" trucking and cash pd Frenchman, "	3	00
" oil, oiler, lag screws, "	5	68
" coal for Engine house,	22	62
" gimlet, axe, whiting, "	1	25
" oil can fitting top on bbl Engine house	1	25
" snow shovel, pump, " "	5	50
" lantern, globe and lamp, " "	1	90
" cash pd shoveling snow, " "	5	25
" expense testing Steamer, " "	10	50
" 25 lbs. iron,		75
" 18 lbs. swedes iron, chain & foot bolt,	1	78
	$ 5,553	86

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

	1884 Winter Work.	1884 Summer Work.	1884-85 Winter Work.	
James Caffery,	$ 3 00	$ 10 72	$ 17 06	$ 30 78
John Crowley,		9 60		9 60
Sanford Colburn,		1 00		1 00
J. B. Bartlett,		54 36	18 73	73 09
J. H. Rugg,		5 00		5 00
Louis Coutier,	30 30	26 25		56 55
Norbert Jefreon,		75		75
J. C. Dunsmore,		2 00		2 00
H. C. Sanders,	17 53	21 38		38 91
Daniel Murphy,		7 20		7 20
L. W. Bartlett,		2 40		2 40
L. H. Colby,	11 85	4 95	13 43	30 23
B. A. Lewis,		10 58		10 58
W. H. Foss,		1 00		1 00
Israel Garmash,		12 75	10 84	23 59
E. C. Bailey,		8 62		8 62
A. P. Messer,		25 00		25 00
G. T. Stockwell,		7 95		7 95
John Alden,		75		75
D. N. Bowker,	3 75		2 25	6 00
F. W. Johnson,	16 88	5 00	28 00	49 88
M. P. Bailey,			5 00	5 00
T. B. Fletcher,	7 70		9 28	16 98
A. Q. Evans,	8 07	75		8 82
C. M. Judd,			1 00	1 00
L. R. Farnsworth,		2 55	6 74	9 29
C. P. Bailey,		13 10	18 48	31 58
Paul Paulette,		5 55		5 55
M. C. Gibson,			5 35	5 35
A. C. Dodge,			3 00	3 00
E. H. Woodman,		4 50		4 50
L. A. Tolles,		90		90
N. W. Brown,		2 00	6 85	8 85
William Barry,			2 00	2 00
Harvey Case,	4 55		7 62	12 17
Wm. D. Morgan,			2 95	2 95
H. C. Freeman,		4 00	5 95	9 95
G. J. Ainsworth,		9 00		9 00
G. C. Grannis,		12 10	8 40	20 50
T. J. Fitch,		7 00	1 30	8 30

	1884 Winter Work.	1884 Summer Work.	1884-85 Winter Work.	
G. D. Kenyon,	$ 2 00	$ 18 50 (1883)		$ 20 50
Sylvester Glidden,	11 75	22 50 (1883)		34 25
R. Stimpson,	18 18			18 18
Horace Spencer,	3 50			3 50
Mitchell Oliver,	20 00			20 00
G. G. Clark,	1 80			1 80
F. E. Freeman,	1 80		3 00	4 80
Frank Bush,	2 00			2 00
Dr. S. G. Jarvis,	5 50			5 50
Josiah Hart,	4 50			4 50
Maurice Cuddihee,	1 30			1 30
John Martin,	5 50			5 50
Henry Grow,	50			50
I. H. Long,	1 45			1 45
Alfred Carpenter,	1 20			1 20
Alvah Sprague,	1 00			1 00
A. H. Towle,	3 20			3 20
Charles Ross,	2 00			2 00
Laurence Gaffney,	3 90		4 20	8 10
E. W. Tolles,			4 28	4 28
J. E. Cassidy,	8 70			8 70
J. B. Eastman,	2 10			2 10
H. G. P. Cross,	60			60
F. H. Dole,	23 45			23 45
Simon Collins,	3 30			3 30
Roswell Nott,	1 50			1 50
Jessie Ladou,	45			45
W. P. Bartlett,	3 25			3 25
Moses Bono,	1 25			1 25
G. N. Heath,	5 50			5 50
A. C. Ward,	14 87			14 87
J. W. Sanborn,	25			25
W. E. Ainsworth,	5 50			5 50
G. P. Rossiter,	1 75			1 75
J. G. Fogg,	4 95			4 95
W. N. Bartlett,	7 80			7 80
G. W. Silsby,	2 85			2 85
F. B. Lewis,	45			45
J. W. Chaffin,	60			60
B. P. Martin,	4 86			4 86
L. N. Allen,	2 25			2 25
A. D. Johnson,	4 60			4 60

Paid D. T. Chase, for gravel,	$	1 00
A. W. Hart, damage by water,		5 00
L. M. Pike, sidewalk on Main Street,		233 40
" Town Hall crossing,		138 45
" Pleasant Street crossing, Rand's bl'k.,		12 00
" " " Brown's bl'k.,		20 00
" Tremont St., crossing, Rossiter's bl'k.,		12 38
" " " Perry's block,		8 00
" " Square crossing,		50 00
Freeman, O'Neil & Tilden, lumber,		2 16
" " " "		21 43
H. E. Grannis, work on highway winter 1883-4,		22 15
" repairing "Punkshire bridge,"		66 34
Joseph Young, labor on sewer,		6 30
H. Walker, building culvert on Charlestown road,		115 00
Ira F. Chandler, lumber,		28 14
	$	1542 71

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edwin Vaughan, services as	Moderator,	$	13 00
H. W. Parker, "	Auditor,		4 00
C. M. Bingham, "	"		5 00
E. J. Tenney, "	"		3 00
F. F. Haskell, "	Town Clerk,		131 80
H. L. Hubbard, "	Tax Collector,		200 00
G. N. Farwell 2nd., "	Treasurer,		100 00
H. W. Parker, "	Board of Health,		18 00
O. B. Way M. D., "	" "		17 00
C. W. Tolles M. D., "	" "		30 00
Ira Colby, "	Supervisor,		21 00
H. L. Brooks, "	"		21 00
G. H. Stowell, "	"		21 00
I. H. Long, "	Selectman,		295 75
M. S. Rossiter, "	"		313 25
H. C. Sanders, "	"		267 75
Rev. Henry Dorr, "	Superintendent,		125 00
Edwin Vaughan, "	" Union Dist.,		25 00
M. S. Rossiter, "	Overseer of Poor		50 00
John W. Collins, "	Policeman,		20 00
A. P. Bradbury, "	"		21 40
H. A. Jenne, "	"		19 35

Paid H. G. Case,	services as Policeman,			$ 21 40
N. B. Frye,	"	"	1883	25 00
S. H. Hurd,	"	"	"	15 00
John W. Railey,	"	"	"	20 00
A. P. Bradbury,	"	"	"	12 75
Austin M. Webster,	"	"	"	4 00
Jonas Hastings,	"	"	1882-3	15 00
				$ 1835 45

DAMAGE BY DOGS.

From April 1, 1883, to April 1, 1884.

Edward P. White, damage to sheep,	$ 3 00
Edmund Dole, "	8 00
A. B. Stone, "	4 00
James E. Cassidy, damage to turkeys,	15 25
	$ 30 25

BOUNTY ON WOODCHUCKS.

Due from the State March 1, 1884,	$ 10
Paid bounty on woodchucks,	138 50
	$ 138 60
Cash received from State Treasurer,	67 80
Due the Town from the State,	70 80

RINGING BELLS AND SEXTON'S SERVICES.

F. C. Bailey, ringing bell at West Claremont,	$ 31 25
E. M. Gowdy, "	34 94
Chester A. Benton, Sexton's services,	89 85
William D. Morgan, "	33 00
George H. Burrill, " and ringing bell,	110 75
	$ 299 79

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX.

Alvah W. Proctor, District No. 7,	$ 75 00
Henry C. Sanders, " " 17, balance 1883 tax,	18 92

Joseph Fogg,	District No. 13,	$ 15 00
I. D. Hall,	" " 1, balance 1883 tax,	10 82
		$119 74

STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid,	$3,019 44

FISKE FREE LIBRARY.

Paid	$250 00

ABATEMENT AND DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Abatements, $192 95 Discounts $345 21	$ 538 16
State Tax,	$ 5484 00
County Tax,	$ 5889 04

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TAPPAN FUND.

Collected and paid into the Town Treasury eighteen hundred and thirty dollars—the same being from $20,000 in registered town bonds, and $10,500 in notes secured by mortgage on real estate.

As the fund now stands there is invested:

In Town Bonds,	$20,000
In notes secured by mortgage,	10,500

ISAAC H. LONG,
MARSHALL S. ROSSITER,
HENRY C. SANDERS,
JAMES P. UPHAM,
DANIEL W. JOHNSON,
EDWARD J. TENNEY,
} Committee.

PAID DEBTS AND INTEREST.

Paid cash borrowed in 1884,	$4,000 00
Interest on above,	123 67
Town Bonds,	2,000 00
Interest on Town Bonds,	6,999 00
	$13,122 67

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Am't of money raised by vote of Town,	$ 5,798 50	
School land rent,	23 75	
Railroad tax,	55 02	
Interest on Tappan Fund,	1,830 00	
		$ 7,707 27
Paid prizes from Tappan Fund,	$ 1,830 00	
Am't pd. several school districts for schools,	5,877 27	

Which by vote of Town was divided $ 75. to each District and the remainder by the scholar, giving to 1,387 scholars $ 3.21 each in addition to what is given to the District, the whole amount to each District being shown by the following

TABLE.

No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	School Money.	Tappan Fund.	No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	School Money.	Tappan Fund.
1	379	1,291 59	499 92	11	33	180 93	43 56
2	46	222 66	60 71	12	19	135 99	25 09
3	20	139 20	26 41	13	17	129 57	22 45
4	39	200 19	51 47	14	10	107 10	13 22
5	39	200 19	51 47	15	190	684 90	250 64
6	13	116 73	17 18	16	9	103 89	11 91
7	30	171 30	39 60	17	411	1,394 31	542 11
8	21	142 41	27 73	18	49	232 29	64 66
9	41	206 61	54 11	19	10	107 10	13 22
10	11	110 31	14 54		1,387	5,877 27	1,830 00

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Town of Claremont in account with Marshall S. Rossiter, Overseer of the Poor.

Due from the County March 1, 1884,	$ 180 55	
Drawn from the Town Treasury,	2,459 26	
To 17 46-128 cords of wood on hand March 1, 1884,	69 44	
		$ 2,709 25

Contra.

Due from the County, March 1, 1885,	$109 18	
Cash received from the county, and paid into the Town Treasury,	2,349 13	
Town Aid,	181 50	
By 17 46-128 cords of wood on hand March 1, 1885,	69 44	
		$2,709 25

MARSHALL S. ROSSITER,
Overseer of the Poor.

SELECTMEN'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1885.

State Tax,	$5,484 00
County Tax,	5,889 04
To pay debts and interest,	4,000 00
Support of Stevens High School,	2,000 00
Town Officers,	1,600 00
Incidental expenses,	2,500 00
Street Lights,	500 00
Repairs of highways and Bridges,	3,000 00
Fiske Free Library,	250 00
Support of Poor,	400 00
Fire Department,	1,000 00

ISAAC H. LONG,
MARSHALL S. ROSSITER,
HENRY C. SANDERS,
Selectmen of Claremont.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL AGENT OF THE FISKE FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1885.

Receipts.

Balance from last year,	$111 58
Town Appropriation,	250 00
Rents from Library Building,	301 02
Fines and Catalogues sold,	37 35
Total,	$699 95

Expenses.

For Librarian's Salary,	$200 00
Repairs on Building,	44 70
Gas,	11 10
Water,	10 00
Coal,	22 45
Cards and Labels,	6 75
Incidentals,	5 70
Total Expenses,	$300 70
Deposited in Town Treasury for rents,	301 02
Cash in hand,	98 23
	$699 95

OSMON B. WAY.

March 2, 1885.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department presents the following report for the year ending March 1, 1885.

The town has had its usual good fortune the past year in having few fires and with very slight damage, in fact less than one hundred dollars damage in all, which speaks well for the owners of property in the village in looking well to chimneys, ash deposits &c., to which in a majority of cases the origin of fires can be traced. The fire department is in a better condition for effective work than it has ever been before, there having been added to it the past year a new Silsby steam fire-engine and heater, at an expense of $3275.00, also two hundred feet of heavy cotton hose costing $190.00. This necessitated the fitting up of the engine house to accomodate the Steamer, dry hose, &c., at an expense of about $500.00, using the amount appropriated by the Town for that purpose viz. $4000.00. The committee who had in charge the purchasing of a new Steamer took great pains to visit all the principal manufactories of Steamers and examined the workmanship, material used and effectiveness of the different Machines and were unanimous in believing the one purchas-

ed the best in the market, and they feel that the Town will have reason to be proud of it for its efficiency in extinguishing fires as well as being an ornament to the department. The expense of the department, this year ending April 1, 1885 will be greater than it will be hereafter as the whole force of 100 men served until Oct. 1, the steamer not being delivered until then. Under the present system we only have a force of 45 men viz. a Hook and Ladder Co. of 20 men and a Hose and Steamer Co. of 25 men, (both of which are composed of none but first class firemen) which must reduce the expense of the department certainly $600.00 per year. We have 1400 feet first quality cable hose suitable for use on the Steamer and 1000 feet of linen hose which are kept in a house built for that purpose at the Lower Village in a convenient place to be used in connection with the different force pumps. The department need about 600 feet more hose the present year, with this a good part of the property could be reached from the river. This with a new Hook & Ladder Truck would make the department complete and in first class order. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO H. STOWELL,
Chief Engineer Fire Dept.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE TOWN OF CLAREMONT, ENDING MARCH 2, 1885.

The board of Health adopted the same rules that were in force the previous year.

The Board is of the opinion that much good has been accomplished for the citizens of Claremont by the course which has been pursued; still very much remains to be done.

People do not fully realize the importance of enforcing rules pertaining to the public health. It is said "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and it would be a comparatively easy matter to keep our public streets clean, and all the surroundings of our village in a healthy condition, thereby removing all nuisances which cause the spread of disease in our

midst. In a village like Claremont, there should not be found horses and cattle roaming at large. There should not be permitted pig styes and privies near the main thoroughfares, but such is the fact.

People are careless and indifferent in regard to garbage and refuse matter, which is too often thrown into or along side of the public streets.

Vigorous measures should be taken to entirely stop this practice. The filth from hotels and dwelling houses should not be permitted to go into the public sewers, which are not constructed properly for such purposes.

We again call the attention of the town to the subject of drainage. Many parts of Broad street at certain seasons of the year, present more the appearance of a mill pond, than that of a beautiful street.

This could be remedied without great expense. The stagnant pools in the rear of the Sullivan House stables are a nuisance and the citizens in that immediate vicinity have made frequent complaints and not without great cause. The Board of Health have done something to improve many parts of the village, but there remains much more to be done in our midst in order to even comply with the law. Let us have a healthy public sentiment in regard to these much needed reforms and we can accomplish much more.

We again call the attention of our people to the subject of vaccination.

The Board of Education in Union School District should see to it that children are not permitted to attend the public schools without bringing a certificate that they have been vaccinated in a proper manner by an intelligent physician.

In conclusion we repeat what we said one year ago, and again call the attention of the citizens of the town to the Rules and Regulations which have been adopted and recommend a rigid enforcement of the same.

H. W. PARKER,
O. B. WAY,
C. W. TOLLES,
Health Officers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL.

The Committee, in reporting to the town the condition of the institution, under their charge, need hardly say more than that the past year has been eminently prosperous.

The management, including both committee and teachers, have had in mind the necessity for constant effort in the direction of improvement; and it is trusted that measurable success has attended their labors.

The requirements for admission have been made as intelligent and discriminating as possible in order that none should be allowed to enter who, while hampering the school would not be qualified to avail themselves of its advantages; and none excluded who showed evidence of the necessary training and maturity of mind. The committee, recognizing the fact that the school is not maintained simply to afford free education to the geniuses of the town, but to do the most good to the greatest number, have opened their doors to all whom they believed prepared to be benefited by entering. Ambition to become a High School scholar is laudable only when coupled with that habit of diligence which alone can make such connection useful. The honest, hard-working student would have just cause for complaint if the idle or incompetent were admitted to equal standing with himself.

The list of studies has been arranged with very great care and is believed to be the best that can be offered, with the present teaching force. The object of the school is not only to give courses of study to those having ample time to devote to them, but to enable those who have finished the grammar school, to take up such branches as interest, necessity or inclination may require, without regard to specific courses. In order completely to fill the needs of such, a schedule embracing a wider range of selection than that now possible would be necessary.

It is hoped that at no distant day a sub-master may be added to the board of instruction, thus making four full teachers, when the greatest possible advantages could be offered to all classes of students. It is believed that this important addition would not

involve much increase of expense to the town as a school so well appointed must attract a number of tuition scholars whose fees would go far to meet the cost incurred.

At least fifty scholars, more than have hitherto been in attendance, could easily be accommodated. These, made up of the brightest and most ambitious pupils from the neighboring towns, would powerfully stimulate the school and render it still more useful to our own children.

The Committee have been fortunate enough to retain the efficient services of the principal, Mr. L. S. Hastings; of whose work they cannot speak too highly. At the beginning of the spring term Miss Lucia R. Peabody, a graduate of Boston University was engaged to fill the place formerly occupied by Miss Cushman. Miss Nellie C. Lewis, of this town, at the same date, entered upon the duties of the third assistant on half time.

During the summer vacation Miss Trask, of Gloucester, Mass., having an advantageous offer to teach at her home, asked to be allowed to resign her position in our school and accordingly did so. Miss L. Abbie Mead, of Winchester, Mass,, a graduate of Smith College, took her place at the opening of the fall term.

Of course, frequent changes in the teaching force are always undesirable, still the committee are unable to see that the school has suffered in any degree during the year past from this cause and are fully satisfied with the zeal and intelligence of the young ladies now at work.

The number of scholars in attendance upon the spring term was 81; fall term 87; winter term 86; average for whole year 85. Number of tuition pupils, 10.

By the closest economy, the committee have kept expenses within the appropriation of the town; although they feel that in several directions greater liberality would be profitable to the public.

The report of our treasurer is hereby appended.

ARTHUR CHASE,
H. W. PARKER,
GEO. H. STOWELL,
O. B. WAY,
EDWIN VAUGHAN,
} Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1885.

Receipts.

Balance from last year,	$ 578 75
Town Appropriation,	2,000 00
Interest from Stevens Fund,	600 00
Literary Fund,	419 44
Tuition,	124 50
Total,	$ 3,722 69

Expenses.

Salary of L. S. Hastings,	$ 1,460 00
Carrie W. Trask,	200 00
Lucia R. Peabody,	440 82
Burt Chellis,	18 00
Laura E. Chellis,	51 28
L. Abby Mead,	300 00
Nellie C. Lewis,	157 50
Martin Sears, Janitor,	123 00
Traveling Expenses of Miss Peabody and Miss Mead,	16 20
Music at Graduation,	25 45
Programmes for Graduation,	16 00
Coal,	235 13
Repairs on Building,	49 86
Sprinkling Streets,	5 00
Incidentals,	44 39
Total Expenses,	$ 3,142 63
Cash in hand,	580 06
	$ 3,722 69

OSMON B. WAY.

March 2, 1885.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

The amount of this fund in the hands of the Trustees is the same as reported last year, $ 10,000. The income for the year

1884, $ 600, has been paid into the town treasury. The Legacy bequeathed by the late Paran Stevens, $ 40,000, remains as heretofore, and it is uncertain when the amount will be paid over to the town, as the affairs of the estate are in litigation. We have no doubt regarding the ultimate payment, as the several legacies in the will have been declared by the court a lien upon the real estate, the value of which is much more than the amount of the legacies. Hon. Wm. M. Evarts has been employed by the committee appointed by the town, to urge in the courts such action as shall hasten the settlement of the Stevens' estate, and the payment of the legacy to the town of Claremont with interest.

The Alden Literary Prize Fund

consists of the real estate bequeathed by the late Mrs. Mary J. Alden, and $ 707.09 deposited in the Sullivan Savings Institution. There has been received during the last year for rent $ 144. interest $ 26.87; and there has been paid out for prizes, $ 120. and rent Tyler water, $ 10.

GEO. L. BALCOM,
JNO. L. FARWELL,
WILLIAM BRECK,
} Trustees Stevens High School Fund.

Claremont, N. H., March 4th., 1885.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Claremont, have examined the foregoing accounts of the town Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, Treasurer of the Stevens High School Committee, the Financial Agent of the Fisk Free Library, the Committee of the Tappan Fund, the Alden Literary Prize Fund and find the same correct, with proper vouchers.

H. W. PARKER,
C. M. BINGHAM,
E. J. TENNEY,
} *Auditors.*

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

FOR 1884-5.

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It is scarcely possible to overestimate the importance of our Public Schools. They furnish the groundwork of education for the masses of the people, and are therefore among the chief agencies in laying the foundation of individual character, and securing fitness for honor and usefulness in the world. Religion and learning are the basis upon which our free institutions rest. Without their support, rational freedom cannot exist. These two agencies should ever go hand in hand, and all good citizens as well as parents should be prepared to use every effort to secure a Christian education for the youth of the state, thus giving to them "a companion that no misfortune can depress, no crime destroy, no enemy alienate, no despotism enslave." In a large share of town legislation, the interests of individuals conflict. A measure that advantages certain classes may disadvantage others. A marked exception to this, is the question of education. All receive benefits from the most broad and liberal school system, and the best methods of education insure the greatest progress. But in too many instances our educational interests are consigned to the arena of politics, and thus the character of our schools is degraded. Here party ties and prejudices should be laid aside, and all should work together to extend the blessings of good learning throughout the community. We have some things yet to learn concerning the best methods of education, and were we not so implacable to new ideas and were we disposed to be more generous in our provisions, we would more rapidly reach a high standard in the fact and government of our schools.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Perhaps no country in the world has so perfect a system of public education as Germany. Under the fostering and compulsory care of the Government her schools have attained a very high standard of character. Every child between the ages of six and fourteen must attend school the entire year, when it is in session and health permits. This law is thoroughly enforced, and it has a most salutary effect on "the tone of the schools, the character of the work and habits of the children." We have a compulsory law that requires every child between the ages of eight and fourteen to attend school at least twelve weeks in a year, six of which must be consecutive. This is good as far as it goes, but this limited requirement, like many other good laws, is little heeded. Parents, or others having the custody of children, pay but slight attention to it, and for trivial reasons, pupils are often allowed to remain at home or kept away from school when their interest and the community requires them to be in their places in the schoolroom. This apathy to law in general is a growing evil, and unless a change comes over us to avert its inevitable consequences, society will yet be thrown into a most fearful state, while our good institutions will be imperiled through our own neglect. Parents cannot afford to instill into the minds of children, by *indifference* or other means a contempt for this important law. Twelve weeks in a year is altogether too short a time for a child to attend school, and persons having the care of children must be oblivious to their welfare, if they are mentally and physically able, not to require this at least.

Not even the best regulated and governed families, have in them the ability to supply the place of the school, in the formation of the child's character. The school is the acknowledged intermediate step between the family and the state, and for the child to pass from the family to the state without this step, is both dangerous to the child and state: and the parent who disregards this relationship is not only a disloyal citizen, but stabs a system of government that is so constituted as to be his best friend. The mass of the American people is so completely taken up with the determination to obtain wealth, that the matter of education is passed with lamentable indifference. This state of things demands a compulsory system of education. Parents who will have their own children enlightened, have a right to demand that their neighbor's children be not allowed to grow up in ignorance, to corrupt the good results of education acquired by theirs. Education of itself, may not entirely remove evil from the world; but ignorance breeds idleness, and both together, make a fruitful source of crime.

Then the future welfare of society—as individual happiness, demand the most liberal methods of education to be unflinchingly enforced.

CONSOLIDATION.

Districts Nos. 1, 15, and 17, were by a majority of the voters, in the early part of the year, united and duly organized under a *Board of Education*, the good effects of which will doubtless appear in the report of this board. We have nothing but words of approval for this change. It is certainly progress, and were it to extend throughout the town, the advantage gained thereby would soon appear in the improvement of our schools. Our district agents will compare favorably with such officers in other towns, and even though they were above the average in ability, their opportunities and situation do not admit of rendering such service to their schools, as a Board of Education can give. The officer or *Board* that certifies, should have the responsibility of procuring the teachers, which is the case in the consolidated system. The Superintendent is called upon to examine a teacher in reference to fitness, as it often occurs, the very day she is to enter the school room. She has been hired to teach the school perhaps weeks before—terms have been agreed upon between herself and the agent. The situation of the Superintendent is obvious. If she is not fully qualified and he refuses to give her a certificate, then the children already waiting at the school room must return to their homes, the candidate suffers in her reputation—her failure soon being spread throughout the community—offense arises, and time is lost in procuring another. To avert this, the Superintendent, not unfrequently certifies unqualified persons as the wisest thing in such situation.

The union of several districts in the town, would be of great advantage even under the present system. There are a number of schools that have but a few scholars. These are mainly so situated, that a union could be easily effected, thus making a less number of districts with better schools. As an example, Districts Nos. 6 and 16 have paid out nearly one hundred dollars each for teachers during this school year. The largest number of scholars in No. 6 was eight, and in No. 16, ten, which being united would make a fair school of eighteen scholars. It is clear that two hundred dollars will furnish a much better school than to divide it for two such small schools. Other districts can be benefited in the same way. But unquestionably the wisest thing to do, is to consolidate the whole town, and thus have but one set of officers who shall have full control of these educational interests. Th s would solve other questions and quickly raise our district schools to a higher standard.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Among the questions, that the Superintendent is called upon to answer in his State report is, "What is the estimated real value of all the school houses"? It is well that each district is not to be specified in the answer to this question, for if we were called upon to say what some of our school houses are worth, the response would certainly indicate a minus quantity.

Districts Nos. 8 and 14 are sadly in need of new buildings, and others are in need of extensive repairs. In many cases, the means of ventilation aside from the doors and windows, are poor. The *blackboards*, in some of the School houses, are unfit to be used. So important a matter as this, should not be allowed to pass. It would be far better to have a few days less schooling and use the money for a proper blackboard, than to cripple a school with such an apology as we find in some of the school houses.

Helps such as maps, globes, charts, reference books, etc., are exceedingly scarce in many school houses. We have introduced the "New Indexed Atlas" as a reference book in Geography, which a good number of the schools have purchased. As a *Text Book* in Physiology, we have introduced Dr. Steele's; and a large number of scholars have already made good progress in this important study. We have also introduced the Duntonian duplex copy books, and Meservey's Bookkeeping. "The elements of a good English education," as an eminent writer says, "should be taught in the District schools." To meet this demand, some text books that are in use should give place to others that are in advance of them.

There is such a thing as a *philosophy of education*, and those text books in which this philosophy seems mastered, should be the ones used in all our schools.

TEACHERS.

who are not skilled in this philosophy, would quite likely be more successful in some other sphere of life.

The good teacher is an observer—not a routine agent. She has a personality and it is felt througout the district. Her opinion is respected by the parents and her admonitions have weight among the pupils. We do not speak vainly, when we say that we believe we have as good a corps of teachers as any other town can boast of, and there has not been a failure with any school. There have been some cases where a want of government and ability to instruct have been manifested, which was doubtless owing to inexperience. Aside from this our schools have exhibited good success. Harmony has existed be-

tween the parents and teachers and between teachers and Superintendent, while the pupils have shown commendable progress in their studies.

In the report of the Rev. Mr. Wells, Superintendent, one year ago, he dwelt upon the question of "*Moral Instruction*," demanding for it a higher place in our schools. He said none too, much and we indorse every word of it. The importance of this question is beyond estimate, for to educate a child's mind and allow his heart to develop in vice, is simply equiping an agent for possible injury to society. As a drop of foul water will taint a whole glass of pure, so an obscene and vicious boy will corrupt a whole school. If space would allow, we would recommend the republishing of this portion of our predecessor's report.

SUGGESTIONS.

Some teachers seem by nature endowed with governing power, but others lack this important element of character. It is not wise for a teacher at the beginning of a term to lay down many rules, for the management of her school. The perversity in human nature, will cause the pupils to begin at once to plan so as to evade or break them. Let the occasion suggest the rule, rather than the rule an occasion for premeditated opposition on the part of the pupil.

Never correct a child in anger. Self control is indispensable in good government.

Be on time every day, especially the first day of school. No recitation should be allowed to trespass on the time of another. Call your scholars by their Christian and not sur names, and become familiar with the names of the pupils as soon as possible, so as not to be compelled to resort to the expedient of designating a child by the seat he occupies or some peculiarity of apparel.

A pupil is more favorably drawn to a teacher, who can speak his name—and moreover in a kind tone of voice, than to one who does not. Have a definite plan of operation, and abide by it. Never aid a pupil in recitation, any more than may become essential to remove embarrassment and lead the child to think for itself. Avoid what Dr. Page calls, the "Pouring in Process," or lecturing the children upon every subject that occurs in the course of a lesson. And also "the Drawing out Process," Viz.—(This example is given in the exact language of the teacher and pupil. A certain school was visited by two persons. The class in mental arithmetic was called out.)

"Where do you begin"? said the teacher.

Pupils—"On the eightieth page, third question."

Teacher—"Read it, Charles."

Charles reads: "A man being asked how many sheep he had said, that he had them in two pastures; in one pasture he had eight; that three fourths of these were just one third of what he had in the other. How many were there in the other?"

Charles hesitates.

Teacher—"Well Charles, you must get one fourth of eight must you not?"

Charles—"Yes sir."

Teacher—"Well one fourth of eight is two, isn't it?"

Charles—"Yes sir; one fourth of eight is two."

Teacher—"Well then, three fourths will be three times two, wont it?"

Charles—"Yes sir."

Teacher—"Well three times two are six, eh?"

Charles—"Yes sir."

Teacher—"Then, if six is one third, three thirds will be three times six wont it?"

Charles—"Yes sir."

Teacher—"And three times six are eighteen, aint it?"

Charles—"Yes sir."

Teacher—"Then he had eighteen sheep in the other pasture, had he?"

Charles—"Yes sir."

And Charles knows no more about the correct process of this solution, than before he studied his lesson. The duty of every teacher is to lead the child to think for itself, and not to do the thinking for it, as we have observed in the case of some teachers.

These and other kindred suggestions should be well heeded.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY DORR,
Superintendent.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT NO. 2. For one term. Mary McArthur, Jason Sprague, Ernest Sprague, Julia Vadney, Lilla Case, Mary Case, Frank Chase, Fred Stockwell, Andrew R. Lawson, Bennie Nichols, Levi Nichols, For two terms. Fernanda P. Ayer. For three terms. Luna A. Nichols, Flora B. Ayer, Fred E. Ayer, Ida J. Ayer.

DISTRICT NO. 3. For one term, Florence E. Cone, Catha L. Hammond, Leonard Rossiter, Stephen R. Breck. For two terms. Ola M. Pope, Willie A. Paddock.

District No. 4. For one term. Edmund R. Rice, Augustus H. Rice, Ernest S. Porter, Aurilla Shannon, Addie M. Sharkey, Georgie Bean, Charles Lovejoy, Grace Lewis. For three terms. Marion E. Pierce, Urbane Pierce.

District No. 5. For one term. James Daly. For two terms. Kate Daly.

District No. 6. For one term. James W. Cassidy. For three terms. Nettie A. Merrill, Gladys Hart, Alice J. Hart, Robert J. Merril.

District No. 7. For one term. Arthur L. Fitch, G. Elwin Johnson, Hayes W. Stone, Henry Towle, Maud Towle, Charlie Towle, For two terms.—Willie C. Dana, Willie H. Fitch, Frederick S. Penniman. For three terms.—Carrie C. Leet. Ella G. Leet, Arthur E. Richardson.

District No. 8. For one term. James D. Sweeney. For two terms. William H. Putnam. For three terms. Stella E. Putnam, Henry W. Sweeney.

District No. 9. For one term. Minnie Wolcott, Willie Richardson, Hannah Carroll, Lena Larson, Gertrude Young, Willie Lewis, Edward Silsby, Horace Tabor, Frank Wilson. For two terms. Roy Densmore, Joseph Mann, Harry Wolcott. For three terms. Fannie Wilson, Lena Larson, Mary Wilson. Mina Whitcomb, Tommy Carroll, Willie Whitcomb, Jenny Richardson.

District No. 10. For one term. Willie C. Grannis. Arthur F. Lamberton, Minnie M. Judd. For two terms. Annie E. Gaffney, Ada M. Weld, Mabel S. Thomas, Edwin A. Thomas, Willie C. Spencer.

District No. 11. For one term. Agnes E. Gamash, Willie H. Stearns. For two terms. Oscar E. Bartlett, Bertie Gamash, Stephen Goodwin, Charles A. Goodwin, Stella M. Cutting, Lilla M. Bartlett, Hattie F. Goodwin. For three terms. Eugene T. Cowles, Bertie M. Jewett.

District No. 12. For one term. Louis Thibodeau. For two terms. Fred Thibodeau, Byron J. Putnam. For three terms. Annie L. Putnam, Frank G. Putnam, Herbert W. Putnam, Charles A. Evans.

District No. 14. For one term. Waltar C. Judd. For two terms. Edward A. Freeman, Allen H. Freeman, Harry F. Rowell, Eva M. Perkins. For three terms. George H. Smith.

District No. 16. For one term. George H. Hart, Guy L. Bartlett, Willie L. Kendall. For two terms. Clarence W. Ainsworth, Robert G. Rossiter. For three terms. Minnie Ainsworth, Albert H. Ainsworth, Charles F. Rossiter, Edward J. Rossiter.

DISTRICT NO. 18. For one term. Emma Moody, Arthur Blanchard, Willie Trumball, Charles Willard, Della Paulette, Nettie Walker, Jennie Walker, Sammie Walker, Willie Walker, John Fletcher. For two terms.—Fred Paulette, Maurice Nichols. For three terms. Florence Blanchard, Mattie Magown.

DISTRICT NO. 19. For one term. Carrie J. Hart, Tracy B. Hart. For two terms. Clara B. Gocha, John B. Gocha, James T. Luff, Frank Aldrich.

No. of District.	Names of Prudential Committees.	School money.	Tappan Fund.	Summer, Fall and Winter.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Av. attendance	L'gth in weeks	No. of Pupils in districts.	Wages per month, including board.
2	Edward P. White,	222.66	60.71	S	Dora M. Pik	22	19	9	46	$ 24.00
				F	"	20		9		26.50
				W	Rev. C. E. Houghton,	23		9		40.00
3	Charles P. Breck,	139.20	26.41	S	Sarah B. Lord,	7	7	10	20	18.00
				F	"	9	8	12		18.62
4	Hosea P. Shedd,	200.19	51.47	S	Martha E. Shedd	20	18	10	39	24.00
				F	Cora E. Penniman,	21	37	8		24.00
				W	"	25	94	12		24.00
5	Frank E. Bailey,	200.19	51.47	S	Susie F. Osgood,	14	12	10	39	20.00
				F	"	12	10	10		20.00
				W	"	11	9	11		22.00
6	Mrs. G. H. Leet,	116.73	17.18	S	E Lavon Walker,	6	5	8	13	16.00
				F	"	5	4	8		16.00
				W	"	8	8	7		18.00
7	Fred P. Smith,	171.30	39.60	S	Luella F. Smith,	16	14	10	30	20.00
				F	"	16	15	8		20.00
				W	"	15	14	12		24.00
8	Isaac H. Long,	142.41	27.73	S	Charlotte B. Long,	12	11	10	21	18.00
				F	"	10	8	9		18.00
				W	"	9	9	7		18.00
9	Geo. F. Whitcomb,	206.61	54.11	S	Fannie Roberts,	27		11	41	24.00
				F	Kate Rossiter,	30	27	12		28.00
				W	"	31	28	10		36.00
10	James Lamberton,	110.31	14 54	S	Ella S. Cross,	10	9	10	11	20.00
				F	Delia M. Boucher,	11	9	10		20.00
11	Walker N. Bartlett,	180.93	43.56	S	Sarah B. Colby,	12	11	10	33	20.00
				F	"	12	11	8		20.00
				W	"	11	10	10		25.00
12	Albro Q. Evans,	135.99	25.09	S	M. Blanche Smith,	11	11	8	19	18.00
				F	"	11	11	7		18.00
				W	"	11	10	10		20.00
13	Fred Brown,	120.57	22.45	S	C. F. Smith,	8	7	8	17	20.00
				F	"	10	9	11		20.00
				W	"	9	8	10		20.00
14	F. E. Freeman,	107.10	13.22	S	Emma M. Hilliard,	7	6	8	10	20.00
				F	"	9	9	6		20.00
				W	Mattie E. Weld,	7	7	7		20.00
16	John G. Harriman,	103.89	11.91	S	Alice C. Harriman,	10	10	8	9	14.00
				F	"	10	10	8		15.00
				W	"	9	9	7		15.00
18	Joseph Dunsmoor,	232.29	64.66	S	Mary E. Marvin,	19	15	10	49	21.00
				F	"	16	13	10		22.00
				W	"	16	14	13		24.00
19	Gowen Gilmore,	107.10	13.22	S	Orinda A. Boucher,	6	6	9	10	24.00
				F	"	5	5	8		24.00

REPORT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Districts Nos. 1, 15 and 17, voted last spring to consolidate for school purposes under the name of "Union School District," and elected O. B. Way, L. S. Hastings, H. C. Fay, I. D. Hall, E. Vaughan and C. H. Weed as committee of said district.

The committee organized by electing Dr. O. B. Way, chairman; Chas. H. Weed, Clerk; I. D. Hall, Treasurer; and Edwin Vaughan, Superintendent.

The committee have given much time, and as careful work, as they have been able, to the reorganization of the schools in said district, with results which they believe thus far satisfactory, believing that much greater efficiency, and economy in the labor of the teachers is attainable, than under the former system.

There are in the District five Primary schools—three Intermediate and one Grammar school, which have now been under the present system two terms.

Agreeably to the understanding of the Districts the Grammar school is located in the Pearl Street school house, but is much cramped for space. It is intended to have but two classes in the Grammar school and it is very necessary that there should be a recitation room large enough to accommodate at least thirty-five scholars, with the necessary blackboards, map-room, etc.—the room improvised from ante-room and hall will barely seat twenty-two, but is much too small for even that number.

The Grammar school notwithstanding the lack of accommodations and the great disparity in the attainments of the scholars gathered in from the three former Grammar schools has done excellent work, which was not unexpected from the teachers there employed.

It should be borne in mind that the two teachers in this school have only the same ground to go over, that *each teacher* in *each* of *the three Grammar schools* under the old system was expected to go over, yet these two teachers have their time *fully* employed.

I speak particularly of the Grammar school as the economy of the change is more noticeable there. I trust I shall be excused if I depart from the usual custom of speaking specially of each teacher by name; suffice it to say, that the committee are pleased with the efforts and success of the various teachers in the Primary and Intermediate schools of the District, especially for the last term; though all can not be best, we have no desire to make present comparisons where all have labored faithfully and done substantially good work.

Mr. Hastings of the committee by request submitted a scheme for

grading the different schools, studies, methods of teaching, &c. &c., with which the committee were much pleased, and it is now on trial so far as present status of schools will allow. It is the intention of the committee to have this scheme printed for the guidance of the schools, as soon as its working has been properly verified.

The usual statistical tables, and Roll of Honor are herewith submitted.

EDWIN VAUGHAN,
Supt. for Com.

ROLL OF HONOR.

UNION DISTRICT. Pupils not absent or tardy. *Primary School, Broad St.* For one term.—Francis Ducharme, James Reynolds, Geo. Snow, Sherman Snow, Gertrude Burgess, Mary Duffany, Rosa Paige, Charlie Collins, Wallace Jondro, Daniel Ladieux, Joe Remer, Charlie Mc Gown, Mamie Easter, Frank Duffany, G. Duffany, Stephen Patneaude. For two terms.—Ruth Clark, John Cuddihey, Rufus Southwick, James Reynolds, Mabel Hales. For three terms.—Mabel Clark, Nellie Duffany.

Primary, High St. For one term.—Hattie Harris, Charlie W. French, Jennie M. Halpin, Francis Ducharme, Flossie Booth, Corinne Lefebvre. For two terms.—Gertrude Burgess, Mary Duffany. For three terms.—Effie M. Mc Quaid.

Primary, North St. For one term.—Carlotta Abbott, Kate Cleary, Kate Daley, Mary Paulette. Hattie Sholes, Emma Young, Irvin Woodman, Celia Morton, Eddie Brady, Fred Messer, Eddie Brothers, Leon Cook, Frank Fagan, Thomas Marcott, Mary Clement, Ella Dacey. For two terms.—Sadie Bailey, Minnie Lenven, Nina Messer, Kittie Mason, Laura Seams, Charlie Bailey, Eugene Millet, Thomas Marcott, Henry White, Mamie Brothers, Mary Cleary, Kittie Mc Laughlin, Maggie Egan, Rosie Marcott, John Brothers, Charlie Fagan. For three terms.—Annie Daley, Ida Ewing, Aggie Ewing, Roy Messer.

Primary, Terrace. For one term.—Mary Bryant, Lilla Briggs, Addie Bradbury, Ida Maley, Addie Moody, Florence Railey, Lillian Sholes, Rush Newell, Reggie Papps, Jennie Milne, Hattie Sholes, Robbie Briggs, Clarence Putnam, Maggie Cragain, Rose Cragain, Mary Knights, John Dwyer, Joseph Messer. For two terms.—Vida Milne, Lulu Thrasher, James Milne, Eugene Papps, Mary Dwyer, Ella Dwyer, Abbie Railey, Lizzie Strong, Mattie Spencer, Charlie Prudhome. For three terms.—Marion Hodgson, Stella Thornton, Walter Nutting, Fred Prudhom.

Primary, Bluff. For one term.—Willie Fagan, Charlie Fagan, George A. Hoban, Sadie O. Chamberlin, Mabel L. Stone, Bertie Mc Clinton, Frank Pike, Flora Belle Noley, Flora Noley, George Noley, John Whitney, Dora Comstock, Willie Flannagan. For two terms.—Fred E. Eveleth, George E. Eveleth, George E. Hurd, Dellana M. O'Neil, Grace E. Whitmore, Willie Dowlin, Perley Dowlin, Ralph Sanders, Edwin Tolles. For three terms.—Arthur Gould, Willie E. Hurd, Agnes O. Dowd, Bessie M. White, Gertrude Grandy.

Intermediate, High St. For one term.—Josephine Bierwith, Ethel B. Ide, Annie O'Neil, Ada M. Stockwell, Hattie E. Sterns, Mabel Tolles, Frank E. Willey, Charles J. Eaton, Walter B. Wolley. For two terms.—Grace I. Burns, Amy L. Mc Quaid, Isabella O'Neil, Florence E. Southwick, Herbert G. Rowell. For three terms.—Mary C. Nott.

Intermediate, North St. For one term.—Lizzie Connor, Florence Abbott, Mary Nevers, Iola Taylor, Emma Richmond, Minnie Parker, Charles Nevers, Mary Boucher, Joseph Shannon, Sammie Seams, Henry Mace, Eva Barron, Laura Carter, Allen Messer. For two terms.—Maggie Mc Laughlin, Julia White, Katie Cleary, Willie Fagan. For three terms.—Annie Crowley, Madge Crowley, Nealy Connor.

Intermediate, Bluff. For one term.—Grace M. Fifield, Minnie H. Tolles, Lizzie E. Prouty, James H. Hoban, Royal P. Hurd, Henry Mace, C. Fred Weed, Addie Bradbury, Alice Bryant, Mabel Burbank, Minnie Perry, Grace Railey, Florence Railey, Lillie Sholes, Jennie Strong, George Hoban, Justin Whitney, Willie Stowell, Claude Williams, Harlie Ramsay, Dannie Murphy, Eddie Mc Carthy, Patrick Flannagan. For two terms. Cathie F. Eaton, Bertie O. Robbins, Wilhelmina Stowell, Ernest E. Houghton, Willie McClinton, Katie Papps, Hattie Sanders. For three terms. Edith A. Gould, Estella M. Grandy, Alice Handrahan, Mary A. Watriss.

Grammar, Pearl St. For one term. Herbert E. Eveleth, Verne E. Harriman, John C. Howe, J. Gussie Briggs, Lizzie E. Eveleth Alice E. Hall, Lizzie M. Hoban, Kate M. Hough, Rose F. Jenkins, Bertha A. Leet, Nellie L. Redfield, Mary Whitmore, Paul Boucher, Orlan Fitch, Earnest Gerry, John Howe, Fred Mace, Louie Ide, Josie Keating, Emma Kempton, John Allen, Robert Burns, Royal Hurd, Georgia Baker, Sarah Briggs, Flora McGown, William Clark, Albert Porter. For two terms. Bessie Hodgson, Etta P. Robbins, Alger Allen, John Burns, Don Colby, Maurice Griffith, Charles Nevers, Charles F. Weed, Lizzie Connor, Myrtie Griffith, Lillian Macomber, Mary Nevers, Alice Nott, Anne Reynolds, Minnie Tolles. For three terms. Harry C. Sanders, Agnes Hodgson.

Union School District. (Nos. 1. 15, and 17 consolidated.) Fall and Winter terms.

No. of District	Names of Prudential Committee.	School Money.	Tuppan Fund.	Department.	Summer, Fall and Winter.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Av. attendance	Lgth in weeks	No. of Pupils in district.	Wages per month including board.
	O. B. Way.	$3370.80	1292.67	Primary.	S	Kate I. Bliss,	65	46	12	980	26.00
	L. S. Hastings.				F	Hattie F. Rossiter,	47	43	12		28.00
	H. C. Fay.				W	"	48	40	12		28.00
	I. D. Hall.				S	Lilla D. Ide,	29	24	12		28.00
	E. Vaughan.				F	"	39	37	12		28.00
	C. H. Weed.				W	Estelle M. Cobb,	35	30	11		28.00
					S	Stella E. Upham,	56	49	12		30.00
					F	"	51	43	12		28.00
	Prudential Committee. Spring term.				W	"	45	42	12		28.00
					S	Kate A. Brooks,	65	55	12		26.00
					F	Fannie Roberts,	45	40	12		28.00
					W	Jennie M. Perley,	45	42	12		28.00
	District No. 1.				S	Addie M. Walker,	56	48	12		26.00
	Arthur Chase.				F	Annie H. Dow,	47	42	12		28.00
					W	"	48	43	12		28.00
	District No. 15.				S	Alice B. Ide,	36	28	12		30.00
	C. P. Bailey.				F	"	41	37	12		32.00
					W	"	42	39	12		32.00
	District No. 17.				S	Jennie L. Jackson,	24	22	11		35.00
	H. C. Sanders.				F	"	27	25	12		32.00
					W	"	30	27	12		32.00
				Grammar Intermediate.	S	Annie F. Morrill,	39	35	12		32.00
					F	Jennie M. Perley,	45	44	12		32.00
					W	Fannie Roberts,	44	41	12		32.00
					S	Isophene K. Dow,	25	23	12		40.00
					F	Isophene K. Dow, } Elsie A. Moulton, }	58	54	12		40.00 / 32.00
					W	Isophene K. Dow, } Maggie J. Carragan }	59	55	12		40.00 / 30.00

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